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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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The City of Norman will be hosting the sixth in a series of eight planned Public Forums on sustainable water resources for our future on March 25, 2010. The topic of this sixth forum will be the City's funding mechanism to provide utility services.

There will be discussion regarding the financial condition of all three Utility Funds (Water, Wastewater and Sanitation). The three Utility Funds are set up as Enterprise Funds and as such are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the City is that the costs of providing the services is recovered through user charges. The funds are somewhat independent of each other, meaning the wastewater customers do not pay for sanitation expenses and the sanitation customers do not pay for water customer expenses, etc. However, all three utilities (if applicable) are presented to our customers in the same monthly bill. The status and outlook of all three Utility Enterprise Funds will be presented with an emphasis on the Water Fund.

All citizens of Norman are invited to attend and explore long term solutions for our drinking water needs. Come join your neighbors, community leaders and experts in the field of Oklahoma drinking water to discuss solutions and alternatives for Norman's drinking water for the next 50 years. These public forums are open to everyone with an interest in water and Norman's future.

The forums will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. :

The forums will be broadcast live on Channel 20 and rebroadcast periodically throughout the series. Each of the eight forums is open to all, but the City would encourage your commitment to attend as many meetings as possible in order to gain full understanding of our water needs and future. Please call the City of Norman Utilities Department at 366-5443 to reserve your place at these meetings. Informational packets regarding each meeting will be provided.

